

## CITY OF HARRISON

### COUNCIL MINUTES

19 JANUARY 2016

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Pastor Chris Sheneman, Police Chaplain and pastor of the Newsong Vineyard Church.*

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Hank Menninger, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. William Deter, Law Director was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the Council meeting minutes for January 5, 2016. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the Purchase Orders Report. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve a resolution requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code. **Roll Call: All – yea.(Resolution #2 – 2016).**

Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to approve a resolution accepting the appointment of Matt Hackworth to the Planning Commission. **Roll Call: All – yea. (Resolution #3 – 2016).**

#### Mayor Report

Mayor Neyer reported he has been in contact with various vendors and township personnel to begin developing relationships for any future work on cooperative agreements.

#### Law Director Report

Mr. Deters had no report.

#### Council – Committee Reports

Mrs. Abrams:

Civil Defense/Safety Committee: The committee met and discussed plans for training for employees later this year.

Economic Development Committee: No report.

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Mr. Menninger:

Fire & Emergency Medical Committee: The Fire Committee met on January 19. Chief Hursong gave his end of the year report which showed the number of runs in the Division of Fire were up from 2014. In the Division of EMS the number of runs in 2015 was down from the year 2014. The revenue report showed a \$31,000 increase over the budget. The Fire Committee, along with the Mayor and Chief Hursong will meet on Saturday, January 30 at 12:30 to begin work on the department's future planning analysis for the Fire Department. This series of meetings will also include union representatives as well as township representatives. Chief Hursong reported he received lots of positive feedback with respect to the I-74 crash last week during the snow storm. Chief Hursong also noted the department has also completed several grant applications. There will be a formal swearing-in and pinning ceremony for the department's new personnel on Friday, January 22 at 7:00 pm at the VFW. The next meeting of the Fire Committee will be held on February 16.

Law Committee: The committee is in the planning stages of the Master Plan review as part of a joint effort with the Economic Development Committee. The Steering Committee will be made up of 15 members of the community. The Law Committee will also take a look at the city's current email, cell phone, and internet policies. The next meeting of the Law Committee is scheduled for February 2 at 6:00 pm.

TIRC: No report.

Mr. Grubbs:

Utilities Committee: The Utilities Committee will meet on February 2.

Recreation Commission: The commission met on January 13 and completed their 2016 activity schedule. The first event, the annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 26 followed by Summerfun beginning on June 7. The summer concert dates are June 14, June 28, July 12, and July 26. The summer movie schedule begins on June 17, followed by movies on July 1, July 15, and July 29. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on February 10.

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Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: The Police Committee met on January 19. The department along with Monk's Kitchen have partnered to recognize and reward citizens for positive community activities, random acts of kindness, good deeds, or scholastic or athletic achievement in a program titled "Caught in the act of doing good". This is an opportunity for the Harrison Police Department to engage the community in a non-law enforcement / official business capacity. Each month a recipient will be awarded at a city council meeting with a personalized arrest warrant plaque and a coupon for dinner at Monk's Kitchen. Chief Lindsey and Monk's owner, John Frerick addressed council to further explain this new program.

The committee reviewed the Monthly Traffic Crash Analysis Report for the month of December which showed a total of 38 auto accidents, 32 on public roadways and 6 on private property. The 2015 HPD Training report showed an excess of 600 hours of in-service training completed by members of the department. All CTP requirements have been met and a check in the amount of \$1600 from the Ohio Attorney General should be distributed by April. The Tip 411 program will be put into effect within 45 days. The department's capital improvement program will begin with replacement of the HVAC units on top of the police station. Duke Energy has a federal rebate program that could save the city from \$1000 to \$3000. The 2015 Statistical Summary shows an increase in crime in all categories. The fleet vehicle rotation system shows 3 vehicles from 2012 will be replaced and ordered within the next month. The Governor's Collaborative Review Board will continue to work on ways to change how policing is done. The next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for February 16 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Personnel Committee: The committee will acquire copies of the current employee handbook for review and pending review by the Law Committee of current policies.

Information Technology Committee: No report.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: No report.

ICRC: No report.

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Mr. Acra:

Storm water Committee: No report.

Building & Lands Committee: Council members will work with township trustees to set-up a meeting schedule.

Planning Commission: The Commission met on January 12 and discussed the cut-up of property at the north west corner of West Road and Harrison Avenue. There are concerns with the entrance and exit on West Road. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on February 9.

Mr. Acra announced a special meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13 at 7:00 pm to discuss downtown parking. Downtown business owners along with the Mayor and other interested parties will be present.

Mr. Shank:

Streets/Bike Path Committee: The Streets Committee met on January 19. ODOT signed agreements with Jurgenson for the contract for work on the State Street Project in the amount of \$961,000 which is 13.9% under budget. Preliminaries should begin in March. Work should begin Miller, Sunset and South Elm streets when the weather clears. The next meeting of the Streets Committee will be on February 2 at 6:00 pm.

Budget & Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will meet on February 16 at 5:15 pm.

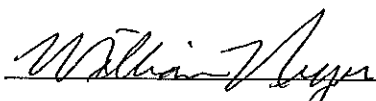
OKI: OKI met on January 14. A Bright / 74 OKI Open House has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 at East Central High School. This pertains to a proposed exit off I-74 up to Bright which could have an impact on local business.

Mr. Shank spoke about IRS scam phone calls. The IRS does not make phone calls. If you owe them money, they will send you a bill. You can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for information.

There being no further business, Mr. Louis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call:** All – yea.

ATTEST:

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William Neyer, Mayor

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Carol Wiwi, Clerk